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MCHD HEALTH BLOG

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VACCINES ARE IMPORTANT!

The last week in April is dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of vaccines. In the United States, April 22-29 is National Infant Immunization Week and globally, April 24-30 is World Immunization Week. Both campaigns work to increase knowledge around vaccine preventable diseases and improve vaccine rates.

The World Health Organization (WHO) is celebrating 50 years of the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI). This program has expanded immunization efforts internationally so that every country now has a national immunization program. Their work is not done yet, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), an estimated 67 million children missed routine vaccinations during the COVID-19 pandemic. The CDC and WHO encourage all children to get their routine vaccinations on-time to provide protection against potentially life-threatening diseases.

The Morgan County Health Department (MCHD) works locally to provide routine childhood vaccinations to those most at risk. MCHD is part of a national program known as Vaccines for Children or VFC that provides recommended childhood vaccines to eligible children 18 years or younger. Not sure if your child is up to date on vaccines? Call our office (740-962-4572) to speak with a member of the nursing staff. We can review your child's vaccine record and get them scheduled so they are up to date and on-time with their vaccines. Together we can help make sure kids are protected with recommended vaccines.